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EPA Science Advisory Board

Executive Committee

Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Executive Committee (EC) of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 and Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at the Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004 (202-393-2000). The meeting will begin by 9:00 a.m. on January 14 and adjourn no later than 1:00 p.m. on January 15, 2003 Eastern Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

Purpose of the Meeting: This meeting of the SAB Executive Committee is one in a series of periodic meetings in which the EC takes action on reports generated by SAB Committees, meets with Agency senior officials, and addresses a variety of issues germane to the operation of the Board. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the SAB website (www.epa.gov/sab) approximately two weeks before the meeting and may include, but not be limited to the following reports. (Please check the draft agenda on the SAB website for any changes to reports being reviewed).

1. Action on Committee reports, including:

a) Drinking Water Committee (DWC): *Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule Proposal and Stage II Disinfection/Disinfectant By-Product (DBP) Rule Proposal: An SAB Report* (please see 66 FR 56557, November 8, 2001 for further information)

b) Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC): *Review of Multi-Agency Radiological Lab Analytic Protocols (MARLAP): An SAB Report* (please see 67 FR 56829, September 5, 2002 for further information)

2. Meeting with Agency officials, including Dr. Paul Gilman, Science Advisor to the EPA Administrator, and Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, USEPA

3. Matters of Board business, including a) Finalizing the SAB Operations Plan for FY2003; and b) Updates on a number of activities including the EC's Reorganization Subcommittee (RSC).

Availability of Review Materials: Draft SAB reports or other relevant materials will be posted on the SAB Website (www.epa.gov/sab) approximately two weeks before the date of the meeting. The draft meeting agenda will also be posted on the website at the same time.

For Further Information - Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (5 minutes or less) must contact Mr. A. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A),

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4546; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at flaak.robert@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be in writing (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Flaak no later than noon Eastern Time on January 8, 2003. General information concerning this meeting is available from Ms. Betty Fortune, Office Assistant, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4534; FAX (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at fortune.betty@epa.gov

PROVIDING ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMENTS AT SAB MEETINGS

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. Written Comments: Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date

so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration.

Comments should be supplied to Mr. Flaak at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format)). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information - Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in *The FY2001 Annual Report of the Staff Director* which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0323.

Meeting Access - Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Mr. Flaak at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Date

Vanessa Vu, PhD,
Director,
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